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SUBJ: RESULTS OF BISHOP MUZOREWA VISIT TO LONDON

1. FIRST SEC JONES OF BRITISH HICOM TOLD US
TODAY MUZOREWA RETURNED TO BLANTYRE AUG 8 AND THEN WENT ONWARD TO
LUSAKA OR SALISBUR ON AUG 9. JONES TALKED WITH MUZOREWA
AND FOUND HIM CONSIDERABLY BUCKED UP AND APPARENTLY READY TO TRY
AGAIN TO GET TALKS GOING WITH SMITH. SAID MUZOREWA, WHO WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY GABELLAH, HAD TALKED WITH ENNALS AND CALLAGHAN.
THESE OFFICIALS FOUND MUZOREWA AND GABELLAH VERY DISCOURAGED,
READY TO GIVE UP ON ANY FURTHER EFFORT TO GET TALKS UNDERWAY
AND VIRTUALLY RESIGNED TO RENEWAL ALL-OUT GUERRILLA CAMPAIGN.
THEY FEEL THAT LONDON TALKS WERE SUCCESSFUL AT LEAST IN STRESSING
THAT HMG DOES NOT SEE THE DOOR CLOSED AS YET AND IN STIMULATING
AND ENCOURAGING THE ANC TO MAKE ANOTHER TRY. TO USE AN OLD
SPANISH EXPRESSION THEY "WOUND THEIR CLOCKS".

2. ACCORDING TO JONES MUZOREWA INDICATED UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES
WILL ANC AGREE TO RHODESIA AS VENUE FOR FORMAL CONFERENCE BUT
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WILLING TO HOLD IT IN ANY ONE OF SEVERAL OTHER LOCATIONS AND

PREPARED TO ACCEPT CREATION OF WORKING COMMITTEES TO CONSIDER
VARIOUS SPECIAL ASPECTS OF PROBLEM WHICH COMMITTEES COULD DO
THEIR WORK IN RHODESIA.

3. COMMENT: JONES, WHO HAS TALKED SEVERAL TIMES WITH
MUZOREWA, GABELLAH AND OTHER ANC LEADERS, IS OF THE PERSONAL
OPINION THAT THE BISHOP AND GABELLAH QUITE RIGHTLY FEEL THEY
WOULD BE NO MATCH FOR SMITH AT A CONFERENCE HELD IN RHODESIA.
IN HIS VIEW THEY WILL NEED TO SUPPORT OF SITHOLE, CHIKEREMA
AND OTHER "TOUGHER" LEADERS IF THEY ARE EVER TO GET AN AGREEMENT
WHICH THEIR CONSTITUENCY WILL ACCEPT. HE SAYS THE BISHOP IS NO
LONGER TALKING OF THE POSSIBILITY OF TWO MEETINGS BUT ONLY OF A
CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE AIMED AT ACHIEVING
AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT.
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